Docket No.: NAK-056-USA

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF: M. Matsutani, et a

SERIAL NO.: 09/916,300

GROUP: 3738

EXAMINER: K. Landrem

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- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. Ü
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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